

<u>Group</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Classification</u>
I	Claims 1-41	Drawn to a product, classified in Class 428, Subclass 313.7
II	Claims 42-46	Drawn to a method of making product, classified in Class 427, Subclass 372.2

The undersigned hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-41, for prosecution in this Application. This election is made without traverse.

Election of Species

The Examiner stated as follows with respect to the Group I election:

Should the applicant elected Group I, an election of species is also required. Group I contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- a decorative panel structure as recited in claims 19-31;
- a decorative shell structure as recited in claims 32-36;
- An underlay for use as a component in a decorative structure as recited in claims 37-41;

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently,

claims 1-18 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(A).

Applicant notes and agrees with the Examiner that claims 1 through 18 are generic.

In order to be responsive to the requirement imposed by the Examiner, Applicant identifies the following species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally healed to be allowable:

a decorative panel structure as
recited in claims 19-31.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant reserves the right to request consideration of claims to additional species as

set forth by the Examiner.

Withdrawn Invention

Groups II, claims 42 -46, is withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant does not desire to cancel the claims drawn to the non-elected invention until an allowable claim or claims have been obtained in this Application. At that time, Applicant will consider the filing of one or more Divisional Application(s) to continue prosecution of the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,



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